## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

## TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM/PHONE:** Gary P. Shimun, Town Administrator/954-797-1034

**PREPARED BY:** Russell C. Muniz, MBA, MMC, Town Clerk/954-797-1011

**SUBJECT:** Resolution

**AFFECTED DISTRICT:** Town-Wide

**ITEM REQUEST:** Schedule for Council Meeting

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE ESTABLISH A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THE REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**REPORT IN BRIEF:** This resolution seeks the support of the Governor and the State Legislature in identifying a dedicated funding source to expand the regional transit system by the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS: N/A** 

**CONCURRENCES:** A similar resolution was approved by the South Florida Regional Planning Council.

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

If yes, expected cost: \$

Account name and number:

If no, amount needed: \$

What account name and number will funds be appropriated from:

Additional Comments:

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Motion to approve resolution

Attachment(s):

RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties form the seven county region represented by the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties form the nation's seventh largest metropolitan statistical area with a population of more than 5.6 million in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the population of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties is expected to exceed 6.4 million by 2020; and

WHEREAS, South Florida's traffic congestion cost, based on wasted time and fuel, was approximately \$2.7 billion in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Regional Planning Council has identified certain regional transportation projects and transit improvements as critical to South Florida's economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the regional nature of transportation demand in South Florida requires that efforts be focused on regional solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has stated that the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority has the overall authority to coordinate, develop, and operate a regional transportation system in South Florida (Chapter 2003-159, Laws of Florida); and

WHEREAS, the Board of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority is composed of elected and appointed officials and private sector appointees from Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority has unanimously agreed that the SFRTA must pursue a dedicated funding source in order to address the Region's transit needs and remain competitive for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority is requesting that the Florida Legislature establish a dedicated funding source that will generate an amount of not less than \$50 million to help meet Southeast Florida's transportation needs and provide the local match for securing state and federal funds for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated funding source for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority will enable South Florida to enhance its regional transit system; improve regional mobility and connectivity; provide additional opportunities for economic growth, increase the Region's competitiveness at the federal level; and support an improved quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council supports the creation of a dedicated funding source for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority that will generate at least \$50 million per year to enable the SFRTA to address growing regional transit needs.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. The Town Council requests that the Governor and Florida Legislature support the creation of a dedicated funding source for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority during the next State Legislative Session.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and
adoption.
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS DAY OF, 2009
MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER
ATTEST:
TOWN CLERK
APPROVED THIS DAY OF, 2009